COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

FIRST SET OF INFORMATION REQUESTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY TO KEYSPAN ENERGY DELIVERY

D.T.E. 05-40

Respondent: John Allocca Date: August 2, 2005

<u>Information Request DTE 1-16</u>

- Q. Referring to Exhibit JEA-16, please explain the basis for the five-year term of the ANE Agency Agreement.
- A. The ANE customer group determined that 5 years was an appropriate term for the Agency Agreement. ANE is owned and controlled by the customer group and receives no fee in connection with this Agreement. Designation of ANE as agent greatly simplifies communications with the pipelines by authorizing ANE to represent the customer group.